# TOUCH THE WORLD THROUGH UN STAMPS

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All of our lives are touched by issues of global importance—the world environment, human rights, hunger, the pursuit of peace among nations. All are human issues that extend beyond political borders. Meeting the challenges presented by these issues, the United Nations embodies the spirit of international co-operation. The UN seeks to find areas of agreement among nations for those things which we all must share and by which we are all affected.

The stamps of the United Nations Postal Administration symbolize this effort. Each stamp is a story of progress. When you collect UN stamps, you come in touch with current topics of global significance represented by a collection of lasting and unique value.

Not only do UN stamps offer a fascinating reflection of the issues of our times, but they are also beautifully designed. You'll appreciate the variety of styles of imagery throughout the UN collection.

Adding to their unique nature, the stamps of the United Nations Postal Administration can be used as postage exclusively for mail originating from one of the three UN offices: New York, Geneva and

Vienna. And as UN stamps have been issued only since 1951, it's possible for even a beginning collector to obtain a complete set.

Collecting UN stamps directly from the UN Postal Service is easy. Simply subscribe to our New Issues Service and automatically receive the latest sets of stamps as they are issued. Or just ask for our new order form, select the issues you wish to add to your collection, and we'll fill your order by mail.

United Nations stamps. They're fascinating. They're easy to collect. They're affordable. Collect UN stamps and touch the world.

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# TOUCH A UNIVERSAL CONCERN FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

The peoples of the world face great issues that will determine our quality of life in the years to come—issues such as the preservation of the world's resources, healthy air and natural beauty, the use of and search for safe and responsible sources of energy, the use and governance of the oceans, and many more.

Our unique stamps have always commemorated activities of the UN that foster or promote this spirit of international co-operation. All commemorative stamps illustrate areas in which the UN is helping to establish an international framework to respond to these vital issues.

## SURVIVAL OF THE FORESTS

Deforestation is posing a formidable threat to our world's delicate ecosystem, jeopardizing the well-being of future generations. Even today, destruction of the forests caused by acid rain and by human hands can devastate the atmosphere, food production, soil fertility and water resources, undermining agriculture and bringing about rural poverty.

## NEW AND RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY

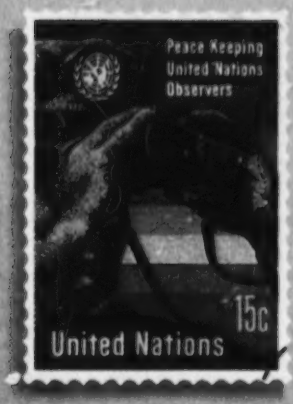
The world's energy sources are rapidly being depleted. Yet all countries must be able to meet future energy requirements for continued economic and social development and increased industrial capacity. The UN encourages the development and use of new and renewable sources of energy, the conservation of existing resources and the recycling of the earth's valuable materials.

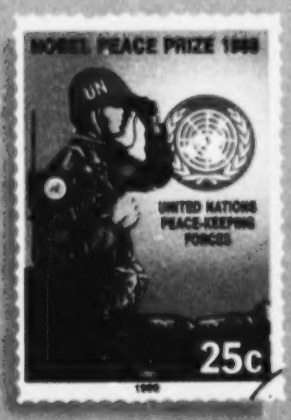
# TOUCH OUR EFFORTS TOWARD PEACEFUL PROGRESS

The member nations of the UN each bring a strong individual identity, history, culture, language and vision of the future. Yet all nations hold in common a basic optimism—a conviction that communication among the nations of the world can help to avoid or resolve military conflict, economic crises and catastrophes.

The United Nations supports the principles that promote us as a world community, with worldwide needs, with worldwide concerns. Central to our progress is the recognition of and respect for our fundamental human rights.

The United Nations stamps underscore our efforts to provide solutions through discussion in an international forum. They represent our commitment to peace and to resolution of conflict.



"...a world in which human beings shall enjoy freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want has been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common people..."

–Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948

## UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

This historic document, adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1948, provides the principles that guide the actions of the United Nations in the area of human rights. In outlining the inalienable rights of each human being of this world, this document sets a basis for action to promote social progress and better standards of living and presents a united vision of a world that is free from oppression and want.

## AWARD OF THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE TO THE UN PEACE-KEEPING FORCES

Special stamps were issued to commemorate the awarding in 1988 of the Nobel Peace Prize to the UN Peace-keeping Forces. This force of 10,000 men and women of 35 nations serves at the request of the Security Council to oversee truces in areas of tension. They have been highly effective in preventing bloodshed and averting military activity.

# TOUCH THE PROMISE OF A BETTER WORLD

The United Nations continuously advances those humanitarian principles that can make the world a better place. UN stamps present human issues of universal concern and agreement, and demonstrate efforts to promote education and to alleviate suffering, eliminate hunger, and eradicate disease among our children.

CHILD SURVIVAL

Children are a priority of UN humanitarian efforts. Through the programmes of the World Health Organization (WHO) and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the UN provides services to children all over the world.

## HUNGER RELIEF

Through a number of resources, UN agencies provide support for agricultural, economic and social development projects worldwide. More than 100 nations take part in programmes that each year provide millions of tons of food-aid to the developing world.

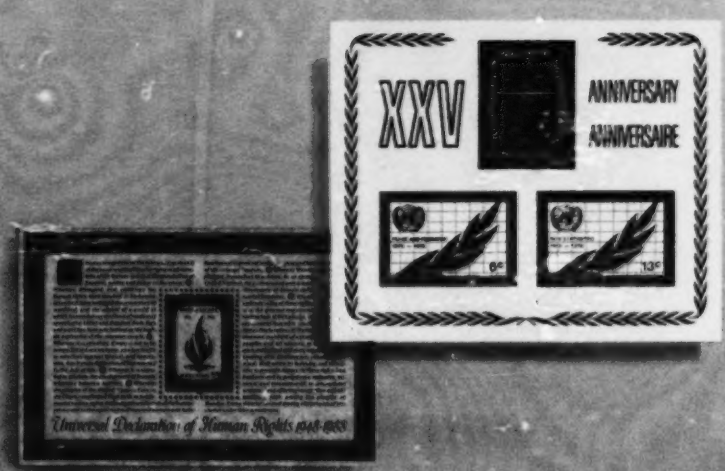
# HOW UN STAMPS ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU

ISSUING POLICY
The UN Postal Administration presents no more than six new commemorative issues each year. So collectors find that keeping a UN collection up to date is easy and affordable. And the stamps can be collected in three denominations: United States dollars, Swiss francs and Austrian schillings.

Choose from these different categories of stamps:

COMMEMORATIVES—issued on special UN themes and available for only one year after the issue date.

DEFINITIVES—"Regular" stamps for general mailing purposes, issued to meet current postal needs.



## SPECIAL UN STAMP COLLECTORS' ITEMS:

SOUVENIR SHEETS
The UN philatelic items most in demand, Special Souvenir Sheets are issued, for instance, in honour of every fifth anniversary of the United Nations.

FIRST DAY COVERS
Envelopes affixed with stamps and cancelled with the date of their first day of issue. These envelopes are imprinted with special cachets that have been designed by artists from all over the world.

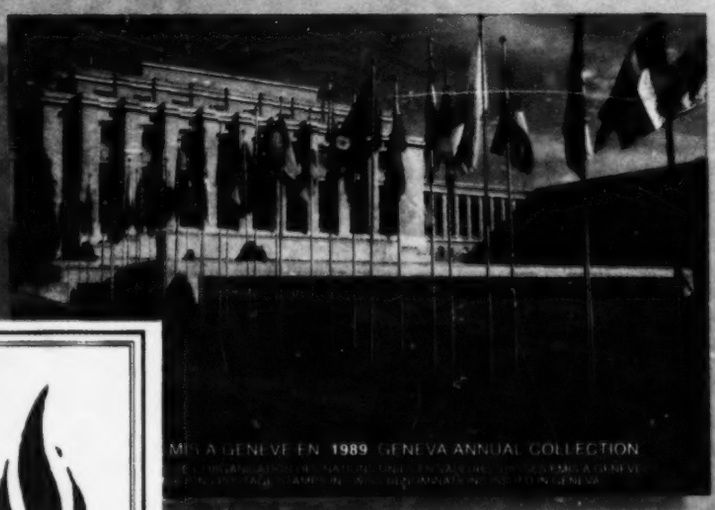
SOUVENIR CARDS
Twice a year, souvenir cards feature newly issued stamps, along with other stamps issued in the past on the same theme, and a message from the Secretary-General. Souvenir cards can be in mint condition or with stamps affixed and cancelled on the first day of issue.

## ANNUAL COLLECTION FOLDERS

Each folder includes a single mint stamp of each issue produced in the year. Pages include a short history and technical information about each issue, with special spaces in each folder to affix the stamps. Separate editions are available for New York, Geneva, and Vienna stamps. Special folders containing the Human Rights Series stamps are also available.

## POSTAL STATIONERY

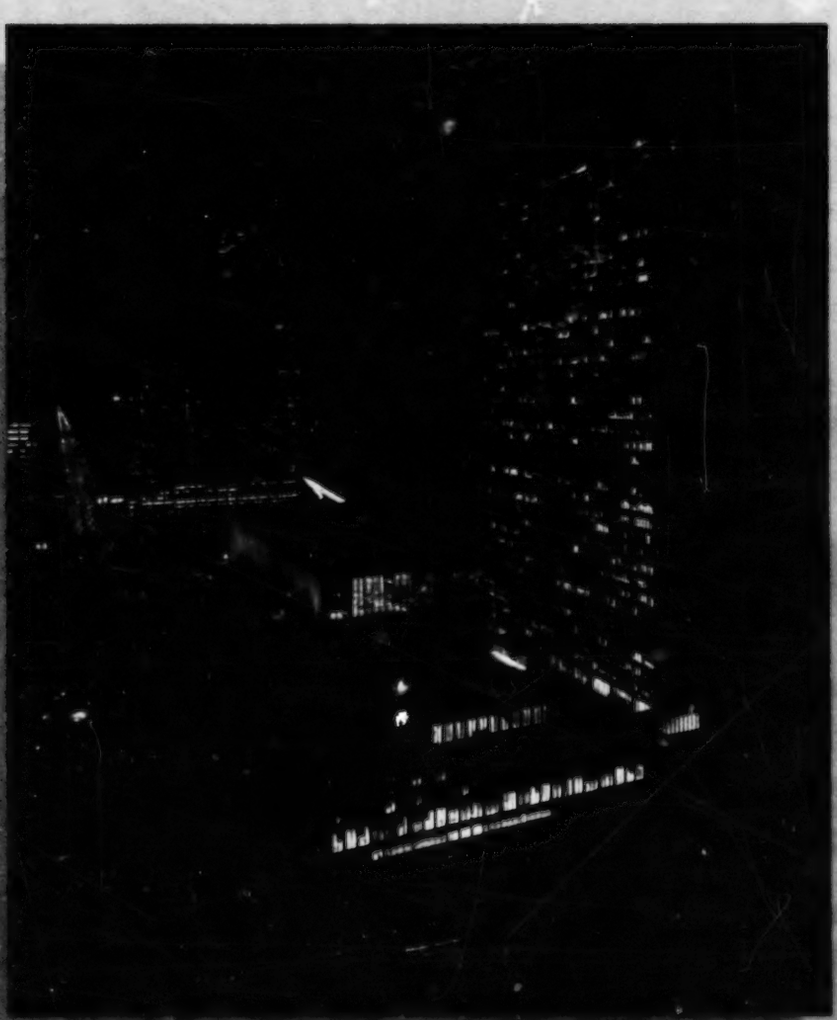
Issued to meet prevailing postage needs.



# IT'S EASY TO COLLECT UN STAMPS

BY MAIL. Simply open an account with the New Issues Service. Select what you want to collect, and you can place a standing order for all new issues. You'll begin to receive complete information about current and future issues.

AT UNPA SALES COUNTERS. Purchase stamps directly at sales counters located at UN offices in New York, Geneva, and Vienna.



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- Free films and stamp display panels are available to stamp clubs and educational institutions on request.
- A free information service by mail is provided to all of the UN Postal Administration's mail-order customers.
- Interesting features about all of UNPA's issues and activities are announced in the philatelic press.
- If you live abroad, you can buy UN stamps with local currency from more than 100 agencies throughout the world. You can visit our sales booths at stamp shows worldwide.

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